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SUBJECT: VIDELA, PINOCHET AGREE TO FURTHER TALKS

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1. ARGENTINA AND CHILE HAVE ESTABLISHED
"THE BASIS FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS TO SEEK
SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS INCLUDING THAT
OF THE DISPUTED SOUTHERN ZONE," ACCORDING TO
A JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED JANUARY 19
FOLLOWING THE MEETING OF PRESIDENT VIDELA
AND CHILE IN MENDOZA. THE TWO PRESIDENTS
ALSO AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN CHILE SOMETIME
NEXT WEEK.

2. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL INFORMATION WAS
STRICTLY LIMITED, THE PRESS TODAY
(JANUARY 20) REPORTED THAT NEITHER CHILE
NOR ARGENTINA HAD ABANDONED THEIR FUNDAMENTAL
POSITIONS ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER DISPUTE. VIDELA
REPORTEDLY TOLD PINOCHET OF ARGENTINA'S INTENTION TO
REJECT THE BEAGLE CHANNEL RULING AND REAFFIRMED
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ARGENTINA'S POSITION ON THE DIVISION OF OCEANIC
SOVEREIGNTY. DESPITE INDICATIONS THAT LITTLE BY WAY
OF ACTUAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE
WAS ACCOMPLISHED DURING THE PRESIDENTIAL MEETING, THE
REPORTEDLY FRIENDLY TONE OF THE MEETING AND THE RESULTING
JOINT COMMUNIQUE STRENGTHENED THE IMPRESSION HERE THAT
ARMED CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS BEEN AVERTED

AND THAT THE WHOLE MATTER IS SAFELY BACK ON THE TRACK
OF BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS.

2. IN CORDOBA EIGHT PERSONS APPARENTLY BROKE INTO THE
CHILEAN CONSULATE YESTERDAY AND SPRAYED THE OFFICE WITH
GUNFIRE, A CHILEAN EMBASSY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY OFFICERS
YESTERDAY. ONE OF THE AGGRESSORS APPARENTLY WAS KILLED
BY A BULLET WHICH RICOCHETTED OFF A WALL AND THE REST
ESCAPED, ACCORDING TO HIS REPORT.
A CORDOBA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE GIVING A HIGHLY
SANTIZED AND VAGUE ACCOUNT OF A DEATH IN THE CHILEAN
CONSULATE WAS PUBLISHED IN THE BUENOS AIRES PRESS TODAY,
PRESUMABLY HAVING BEEN DOWNPLAYED IN ORDER NOT TO PREJUDICE
THE PRESIDENTIAL EFFORTS TO FIND AN AMICABLE SOLUTION TO THE
BORDER DISPUTE.
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